
REAL impacts on Argentina: Research, Capacity Building and Outreach

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Outline

- Geoffrey Hewings & Argentina
- Research
- Outreach
- Capacity Building

Geoffrey Hewings & Argentina

- Several visits since 2003
- Buenos Aires - La Plata
- At 2008 RSAI visits Central Bank of Argentina co-hosting a Seminar on *Financial Development and Regional Economics*
 - <http://www.bcra.gov.ar/pdfs/investigaciones/Economias%20regionales%20-%20RESUMEN.pdf>
 - Several RSAI active members participate in the event
 - Seed for REAL and RSAI research, capacity building & outreach at Argentina
- REAL & Argentina interaction, research and scholars
- Starting point for the “*Argentinean Regional Economic Society*”

Research

Argentinean Regional Economics Society (SAER)

- Created under Prof. Hewings & RSAI inspiration on 2008
- Close support from Chilean and Brazilian chapters & RSAI
- Open network of researchers & scholars (inside and outside the country)
- www.saerargentina.org.ar
 - <http://www.saerargentina.com.ar/organizacion.htm>
 - <http://www.saerargentina.com.ar/historia.htm>

SAER International Meetings

- “Financial Development and Economic Regions”, BCRA, Buenos Aires, 2008.
- “Regional Economic Panels” co-hosted by SAER at Asociación Argentina de Economía Política (AAEP) Anual Meeting, Mendoza, 2009.
- “Competitiveness at Economic Regions”, Universidad Nacional de San Martín, 2010.
- “The Economic Development at Regions,” Universidad Nacional de Salta, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Jurídicas y Sociales e IELDE, Salta, 2012.
- "Ideas en Desarrollo & Economías Regionales," Universidad Maimonides, Laboratorio de Ideas en Desarrollo, Buenos Aires, 2014.
- **Forthcoming: V Seminario Anual Internacional at Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Tucumán, 2015**
- **You are all invited!!**

Research and Institutional Network

- Several Argentinean institutions have collaborated with SAER & REAL – RSAI partnership
 - Central Bank of Argentina (BCRA)
 - Universidad Nacional de San Martín – *CEER*
 - Universidad Nacional de Salta – *IELDE*
 - Maimonides University – *LiD*
 - Universidad Nacional de La Plata – CEDLAS
 - Ministerio de Economía Provincia de Buenos Aires
 - Banco Provincia de Buenos Aires
 - Universidad Nacional de Tucumán
- International collaborations initiatives – Iberoamérica – Latinoamérica
- JOIN US

Outreach

Just an example

- Regional research and policies at BCRA
- After Hewings and RSAI members Seminar meeting
 - Concern on financial services regional disparities
- Studies on:
 - *Bankarization* (space analysis on regional financial services supply), Elosegui et. al.
 - *Financial services demand and supply at local level* (space analysis on local financial services), Repetto et. al. (several interesting works at www.bcra.gob.ar)
- Some Policy Results:
 - Basic account implementation
 - Regional based un-conventional regulatory measures
- Project for a Regional Studies Area at BCRA, presented in 2013
- Changing the regional shape of financial services
 - an important challenge

Capacity Building

Challenges Ahead

- Important structural differences among regions within a federal country
- Economic development *can not be think of* without considering regional disparities
- Economic research traditionally address issues related to fiscal decentralization, income distribution, fiscal performance, industrial asymmetries, employment and unemployment discrepancies, health, education, human capital differences, lagged provinces and regions, poverty, access to financial services, infrastructure, logistic, etc.
- Increasing concern on policy makers and the academia on space and regional aspects of economic development
- Several constraints: information and statistics, research financing, lack of private sector involvement, growing interest and concern on regional institutional actors
- Need to improve institutional capacity, surpass challenges & enhance abilities: more research and researchers, more educational programs, more networking and leadership!
- ***The REAL things!***

Need for some *New Ideas for Development*

- *Laboratory of Ideas in Development - LiD*
- Created in 2013 as an *open and multidisciplinary environment*
- Main objective: generate New Ideas for Economic Development
- Regional issues on health, nutrition, dentistry, education, income distribution, poverty, environment, strategic sectors, industry and services
- Research on IO matrices, trade, economic and financial development, social impact of health & educational programs, experiments, etc
- Economic Development Management Specialty – CONEAU – Forthcoming
- <http://lid.maimonides.edu/>

Thank You!